

Esquimalt High School PAC
General Meeting- March 10, 2022
FINAL MINUTES

Start Time: 18h45

Location: Virtual

Meeting Chair: Christine Sullivan

Items:

1. Welcome & Territorial acknowledgement- Christine called the meeting to order at 6:52
2. Quorum & Introductions: Barb von Sacken, Julia Alvarez, Rod McGregor, Tina Pierik, Christine Sullivan, Heidi Hackman- quorum reached
3. Vote to accept March 10, 2022 meeting agenda- passed
4. Vote to approve January 19, 2022 meeting minutes- draft minutes passed;
5. School Administration Report, with Q & A : Update on the School Plan and Strategic Vision

2022-23 Budget Talks for SD 61:

- \$7 million deficit- secretary treasurer gave a list of savings (what is on the chopping block)- 8 career centre coordinators potential savings of \$348,000 but this group generates \$700,000 for the district;
- \$14,000 for staff collaboration- release time
- Cuts to daytime custodians
- ESQ has a 49% vulnerable population rating and therefore receives extra funding which pays for our youth and family counsellor- teacher counsellors will have to be paid for out of this budget and there would be no youth and family counsellor.
- Talks of cuts cause a lot of stress among the employees in the building on top of all the other heaviness in the world.

SD61 Strategic Plan 2020-2025;

https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2020/06/GVSD61_StrategicPlan2020-2025.pdf

Esquimalt High's strategic plan was created before the District plan but does tie in nicely. The plan is for 2019-2023.

1. Health and Wellness of all-
 - extracurriculars
2. Meaningful Learning with purpose and dignity
 - Learning strategies is now the learning hub: students can do a section to boost their mark to better prepare the students for the next grade
 - In April and May students that are falling behind will go to a learning hub block
 - A few students with physical and mental health challenges are using the learning hub

instead of classes; this is also used for student who come part way through a semester

3. Inclusive Building where all have access
 - All Nations Room
 - Quiet spaces
4. Honouring the Truth and Reconciliation process:
 - There is a reconciliation team that supports ideas throughout the school year
 - Spring Break reading club
5. Deep and Wide Community Connections:
 - Career education and spring break work options
 - Connections with feeder schools
6. A rich Culture of Literacy:
 - Lexia is a new program that 40 students will get to use that will hopefully improve grammar, comprehension and word study (vocabulary)
7. Responsible and Flexible School Based Systems:
 - Building cross-curricular classes and spaces (e.g. Grade 11 New Media/Media Design: Focus Block)
 - 'Moodle' will allow students to upgrade individual modules for a course, rather than have to take the full course again
8. Addressing the climate crisis by preparing global citizens
 - Model climate awareness practices (e.g. using green cleaning products)

Question: How do the fundamentals like STEM, academics for post-secondary and life after high school fit into this strategic plan? It is a very complex graphic and it was suggested that it could be more user friendly if some of the bubbles were combined. Another wish was that there was more of a focus or awareness placed on academic rigour so that they don't get displaced by other noble objectives. What is the mission statement for Esquimalt?

Answer: 2 school goals are created each year: These are the goals for 2021-2022

- 1) Health and Wellness- Strategies: Monitoring student attendance, keep greeting students at the door, social media to promote positive mental health
- 2) Create meaningful learning environments for all: Flexible and responsible timetable, cross curricular activities, teacher collaboration to provide better instruction

6. VCPAC/BCCPAC Update: Julia

- VCPAC Rep report- High school students made a presentation on DON- Diversify our Narrative to include all walks of life in the curriculum; sale of Lansdowne grounds to the Victoria Hospice; parents feel that there hasn't been enough transparency or consultation with the board of trustees that a boycott letter was sent so there are no meetings with VCPAC, First Nations groups and any board meetings with the trustees; all the high schools are returning to UVIC for grad ceremonies and ESQ will have the dinner and dance at the Ward Room; Fortis BC sponsored energy programs being taught in schools but sponsored curriculum isn't allowed under the school act.
- Next meeting is March 29th
- April 22nd is the AGM

- BCCPAC has an AGM on April 30th and May 1st- there will be a parent education portion as well in Richmond on April 29th. At our next meeting we will look at the resolutions as we are a voting member. \$275 to parent education conference and you can apply for a subsidy <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences/conference-agm/bursary-2022> – April 7th is the early bird registration deadline
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences/conference-agm>
 - Upcoming BCCPAC Parent Education Conference & AGM and Treasurer 101 webinar on March 29th, register by March 27th
7. Next meeting is Tuesday April 12th- Agenda to include decision on BCCPAC AGM resolutions and elections (deadline April 14)

Motion to adjourn: Julia, seconded by Christine; meeting adjourned at 8:22

References

- School Act https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96412_00
- NEW PAC Constitution & Bylaws https://esquimalt.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2022/01/ESEHS_PAC_Constitution_Bylaws_FINAL_APPROVED_Jan_2022.pdf
- Sign up for VCPAC Newsletter <https://www.vcpac.ca/>
- BCCPAC-hosted Treasurer 101 Webinar on March 29 (register by March 27)
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences/webinar-220329>
- BCCPAC AGM and Parent Education Conference (April 29-May 1) <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences>

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